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# Keswick Hall & Golf Club

IN THE "EDEN OF THE U.S."

OUTSIDE CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA: When Thomas Jefferson sought the perfect locale to build his beloved Monticello, he chose the bucolic countryside at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia's "Hunt Country." He called the scenic area the "Eden of the U.S." Situated on 600 rolling acres just down the road from Jefferson's estate is splendid Keswick Hall & Golf Club. Our third President surely would have approved of this world-class resort.

The centerpiece of the estate property, just outside Charlottesville, is the elegant inn-style hotel with its 48 guest rooms and suites. No stranger to accolades, the resort received the prestigious Forbes Five-Star Award for its exceptional level of luxury and service, making it one of only 154 properties worldwide to attain this status. *Golf Digest* has also honored Keswick Hall with its "Editors' Choice Award" in the "Best Golf Resorts in the Americas" category.

Its Pete Dye-designed golf course—Full Cry at Keswick Golf Club—opened in 2014 to rave reviews and has become an absolute "must play."

"Full Cry" denotes a hunting term describing the call of hounds that have found the scent and are in hot pursuit of their mark. The superb and fun-to-play layout negotiates the gently sloping terrain below the grand hotel's perch on the property's high ground. It's a Dye masterpiece.

"There is no question the Hunt Country of Virginia is the perfect terrain for an exceptional golf course and that's exactly what we have with Full Cry," said Dye. "The layout is as good as any I've ever done."

The last three holes on the back nine are as fine a finish as you'll find. The par-3 16th is modeled after the famous 15th "Redan" hole at Scotland's North Berwick. With train tracks running down the entire length of the right side, the superlative par-5 17th is called the "Railroad Hole" and plays much longer than the yardage due to fighting the prevailing wind.

The tee box of the demanding par-4 No. 18 provides an ideal crescendo to the round with a panoramic view of the sprawling Hunt Country, serene mountains off on the horizon and inn above. It's truly a delightful place to tee it up.

After playing, sit out on the veranda of the Villa Crawford Bar overlooking the course, have a cold drink and savor a golf experience few destinations can match. ■

**For more information** on Keswick Hall & Golf Club visit [www.keswick.com](http://www.keswick.com) or call (434) 979-3440.



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